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## Silber speaks

by Mary E. Horgan and  
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Strobe staff

"It's more important to vote, even if you vote against me," stated Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate John Silber at a press conference held before the state primary elections on September 13 in G-Lobby. He strongly expressed how "frightfully important" the issues in Massachusetts are to our future as he commented on how Governor Dukakis failed to manage the state budget for four straight years. "We ain't never seen a wreck like the one we're in now." According to Dr. Silber, the Massachusetts 1991 budget that the Dukakis Administration claims to be balanced, has reached a deficit of 300 million dollars. Silber offered his views on how he would lead Massachusetts out of this financial crisis by changing the system and downsizing the budget. He said that he would try to change the way politics are run in this state.

When discussing public higher education, Dr. Silber stated that "education is essential to the future of the Massachusetts economy." This comment was received with overwhelming support from the crowd, which was comprised

mostly of Fitchburg State College students. Silber, who is not only President of Boston University, has also had experience at a public university in Austin, Texas. He spoke about how tuition funds from Massachusetts state colleges go back into general funds for the state. Silber feels that, "100% of the tuition paid by the students should remain on campus."

An FSC student asked Dr. Silber about his stand on Question 3. He responded by saying, "If CLT passes, Massachusetts will go through hell." CLT, Citizens for Limited Taxation is sponsoring Question 3, and if it passes, six billion dollars will be cut from the state government over the next three years. Silber stated that he would campaign vigorously against the passage of CLT. He believes the sentiment of CLT is not bad, but the "solution is not wise." Silber used his own analogy of this situation by curing a headache with a "pistol shot to the brain." He feels that the passage of CLT would lead to the bankruptcy of the state and also hundreds of cities and towns.

Previous coverage of Dr. Silber's campaign, has shown him at odds with both the print and news media. While speaking at Fitchburg State, Silber was highly critical of the role that the media has played. He stated that during his campaign, the "media

emptied political discourse of all content." He referred to the "Lincoln-Douglas" debates several times, expressing his opinion on how Gubernatorial debates should be run. Dr. Silber's main complaint on modern day debates, is that the candidate only has a specified time limit to answer questions. It is his impression that political campaigns of this era rely on "sound bites and slogans," which do not allow candidates the opportunity to voice their point of view on the real issues at hand. He backed up his statement when he referred to his political advertisements. According to Silber, his last political television advertisement as a primary candidate, was not written by professionals. Instead, he spoke directly into the camera and stated what he wanted for Massachusetts.

One of the final messages that Dr. John Silber left in the minds of FSC, was the need for future campaigns to "talk about issues without notes and speech writers." Once again, he referred to the "Lincoln-Douglas" debates and called for an end to what he believes to be "silly excuses for debates."



Silber speaks at Fitchburg State

Photo by Andrea Wallace

## Welcome Back!

## Violence surrounds FSC campus

By Kris Werfelman  
Strobe staff

Within the past two weeks the campus of Fitchburg State College has been plagued with violence. Due to this outburst, rumors surrounding the facts have been abundant. Yet the situation, although present, is not uncontrollable. The main problem consists of fights on campus, usually in which weapons are not found.

According to Mr. William R. Cunningham, the chief of public safety at Fitchburg State College, turmoil began early within the school year. On Wednesday September 5, a student was assaulted by an unknown assailant. Students were then threatened the following Friday on Green Street and there were also reports of a fight in the North Street parking lot. Weapons were reported present, but none were found on the sight.

Between twelve and one a.m. on Saturday September 8, three Fitchburg students were injured after engaging in a fight on Congress St. One of those students required medical attention resulting in fourteen stitches after being assaulted with a knife. They also suffered from blows to the face. Although no one has been charged in the incident, Fitchburg police do have suspects and are investigating.

Also on September 8, before one a.m., an altercation in the pub spilled out onto the street. An innocent bystander was injured after a rock was thrown through the car window he was driving. The victim sustained in-

juries to the head. The incident was quelled when Fitchburg police, campus police and the fire department responded to a fire alarm at Herlihy Hall. An investigation is being handled by Fitchburg Police and charges are pending.

Violence also occurred in the Dining Common when two students became involved in a fight. The students will be presented to J-Board to plead their cases.

Numerous reports have been called in to both Fitchburg and campus police. Reports of fighting are the most common, but there have also been many noise complaints due to parties and loud arguments. Rumors about assaults with guns have spread around the campus, but no evidence has appeared as of yet.

Students are shocked by the recent incidents. One student recalled a situation on Green St. in which she and her friends were suddenly assaulted by a group of non-students throwing beer bottles. Although no one was injured, a student was quoted to have said, "It was the scariest moment in my life."

The campus police do not want to see anyone get hurt. Escort services are available from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. and the campus police are willing to pick people up after that if they need assistance. Chief Cunningham suggests that students stay on well lit streets, and if they go partying, not to go alone. He also urges students to exercise caution and to use their common sense.

## Will FSC survive CLT?

by James LeDuc  
Strobe staff

In an informal poll recently taken by The Strobe, it was discovered that many students on campus do not realize the potential danger that may be added to the state's present fiscal woes.

On November 6, the Citizens for Limited Taxation (CLT) petition, otherwise known as question 3, will appear on the ballot. If passed, it would roll back taxes and fees to what they were in 1988. Many will say: "That's well and good. Less taxes for me to pay." Those people may not realize the threat it has to all government funded programs, in-

cluding state colleges like Fitchburg State. With less money being funded by taxes, students and their families must make up for it through drastic increases in tuition and fees.

In realistic terms, the increase will average around \$1,000 per student, active in January, if the proposal should pass.

For those who have lost faith in state government, Question 3 could very well be a sign of temporary relief. But for others, including those who rely on programs and higher education that are state funded, CLT's passing could have disastrous effects.

# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I summons you to make history, and be a part of a noble crusade. Five people that are independent High Tech. candidates for statewide office, have the necessary signatures to place them on the ballot in the general election in November. A challenge by the Republican party, not to allow the Independent High Tech. candidates to be placed on the ballot, denies the people of Massachusetts the opportunity of another choice. This is a blatant disregard for the Democratic principles upon which our great nation was founded.

This group of highly skilled individuals have worked vigorously, and made sacrifices to give the residents of Massachusetts a chance to have good government, free of corruption and waste.

I ask you, the good people of Massachusetts, to join us in the support of the candidates being placed on the ballot. On October 6, we ask you to join us by driving with your headlights on during the day. Your support will prove that you want freedom of choice, and the right to exercise that freedom shall not be denied by anyone. You will help to bring Massachusetts out of the dark ages, restore the word wealth to the commonwealth, and light the way for our children's future.

Maybe the Republican party has no faith in its candidates and feels threatened that the people of Massachusetts will have what they never have had...good government. The innovative new ideas by the Independent High Tech. candidates would certainly win favor with the voters. Computer access to state government will keep it honest and bring an end to waste and mismanagement.

Six lottery super jackpot prizes, totaling 900 million dollars, advertised nation wide, will raise nearly three quarters of a billion dollars for bridge and road construction. A non-profit cooperative vehicle insurance will give Baystate motorists a ten percent savings on their insurance policies.

If you believe as I do, the Independent High Tech. candidates represent a threat to what the oppressive, elected elite now take from us. Join us on October 6, wherever you drive in the state, and bring us out of the dark ages. A friendly reminder to turn off your lights when not in use. Support the Independent High Tech. candidates, and light the way for our children's future. Thank You.

Respectfully Yours,

Patrick Michael Raymond

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Freshman class elections ('94) will be held Wednesday, September 26, and Thursday, September 27 from 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. in G-Lobby.

On October 3 in the Percival Auditorium, the Access Office and The Cultural Society will be hosting a Lip Sync at 7:00p.m.

The library hours from September 10 through December 9 are as follows:

Monday - Thursday 8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

Friday 8:00a.m. - 11:00p.m.

Saturday 10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Sunday 12:00p.m. - 11:00p.m.

Vals Speaker: Dr. Jack Hassard will be speaking at 8:00p.m. in the Kent Recital Hall on Wednesday, September 26, 1990.

On Thursday, September 27, at 1:30p.m., Fall convocation will be held in the Weston Auditorium. All are invited to attend.

"Listen To Me" will be showing in the Campus Center Lecture Hall on Wednesday, September 26, at 3:30, 7:00, and 9:15p.m.

On Saturday, September 29, "Listen To Me," will be showing at 7:00p.m. and "Passage To India" will be showing at 9:00p.m. Both movies are appearing at the Campus Center Lecture Hall.

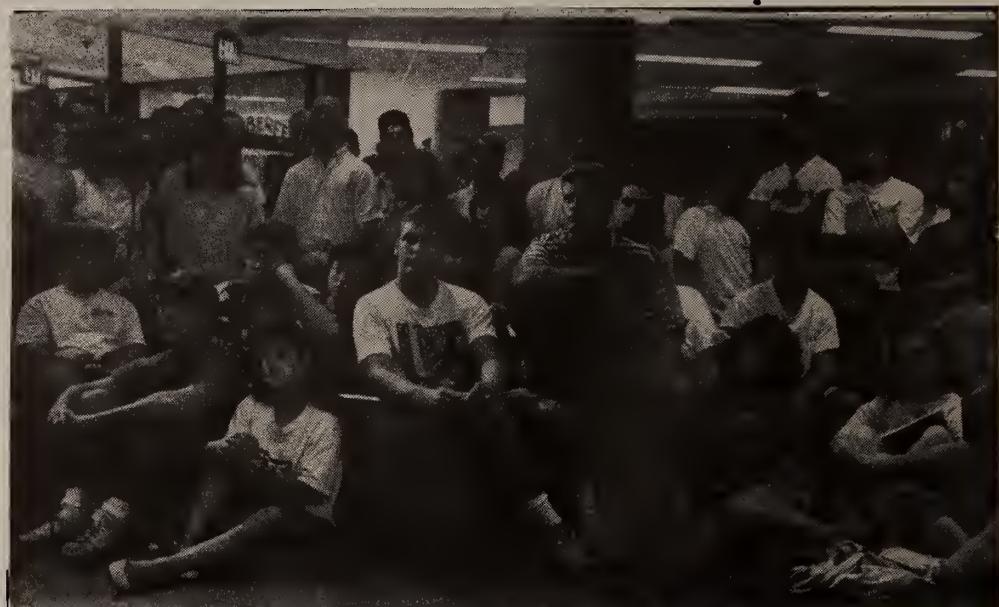
On Monday, October 1, Performing Arts ticket sales begin at the Campus Center Information Desk for "Leon Bates & The Borealis Wind Quintet. Tickets are \$4 for students and \$10 for non-students.

A friendly reminder: Tuesday, October 2, 1990, is the final day for making up incomplete grades from the previous semester.

Campus Center Art Gallery is hosting an exhibit reception entitled "Transitions," paintings and prints by Carl Lopes, at 7:30p.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 1990.

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Students listen as Silber speaks in G-Lobby

Photo by Andrea Wallace

## FEATURES

### Gulf crisis hits some students harder

By Kevin Chapman  
Strobe Staff

Some Fitchburg State College students are more concerned about the Gulf Crisis than its effects on rising gasoline prices. For some students Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and the United States' response to it directly effects their futures.

Penman Dayyani, an FSC senior, was planning to return to his home in Iran after he graduates in December but now he says, "I'm worried because if I go home they might draft me again." Dayyani has already fought for two years against Iraq during the Iran-Iraq War. Having fought against Saddam Hussein's armies for two years, Dayyani says that Hussein "is crazy enough to go face to face with the United States and he doesn't have a choice now."

FSC senior and Army Reservist, Roger Govaert, is less concerned about being called to the gulf but still watches the situation closely. On the heels of the

recent call up of the Massachusetts National Guard 704th Transportation Detachment, Govaert does not believe his combat unit will be called up because "it would be politically risky for President Bush to call up a combat unit." Most of the call ups of Reserve and National Guard units have been for transportation and medical units. Govaert believes that Hussein "has played his cards right until now. I don't think he's crazy. He knows exactly what he is doing and that makes him more dangerous."

Both of the would-be soldiers hope for a diplomatic solution to the crisis, but neither denies the possibility of further military action. "Iraq will be out of Kuwait one way or another," claims Govaert, although he prays that it will not be through force.

Dayyani also hopes for a peaceful solution, but in the situation of a large scale U.S. military action against Iraq, he says, "In the bottom of my heart, I think Iraq deserves it."

# FEATURES

## How safe are college campuses?

by Maureen A. Maloof  
Strobe staff

The recent deaths of five students at the Gainesville campus of the University of Florida, is a grim reminder of the need for students to exercise caution on campus.

Jeanne Clery, Lehigh University Class of '89, would have graduated last June 4. Instead, her dreams and her parents' hopes for her ended forever on April 5, 1986. At 5:00 a.m. that day, the 19-year-old freshman awoke to find fellow student Joseph Henry burglarizing her dorm room. Henry raped and beat Jeanne savagely. Then he strangled her.

At the University of California at Berkeley in 1987, a gang of teens police call a "rat pack," followed three students to their dormitory. Words were exchanged, and a pack member suddenly smashed the face of a female student with a brick.

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Violence is a fact of life on the nation's campuses. According to Reader's Digest, last year colleges reported to the FBI a total of 1900 violent crimes including robbery, aggravated assault, rape and murder. This is a startling number, considering the fact that almost 90 percent of U.S. colleges do not report crime statistics. Traditionally, most colleges have kept quiet about crime, fearing "adverse" publicity. The failure of colleges to warn against crime has created a dangerous situation. Too often, parents and students are unaware of the hazards of life on campus. However, concerned parents, students and college administrators are taking action around the country and setting examples for others to follow.

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*Start a campus-watch program:* Security experts agree that any community can reduce crime simply by remaining alert. Colleges are no exception. The proof can be found at Drexel University in the "tough" neighborhood of West Philadelphia. Crime used to

be rampant near campus. "Every night cars were stolen, apartments burglarized, windows smashed," recalls Hank Margolis, a 1988 graduate of Drexel. One evening in October 1987, Margolis heard a scream outside his window. When he investigated, he found a woman lying on the sidewalk, her face bloody. Later the same night, two University students were jumped and beaten by neighborhood thugs. Determined to fight back, Margolis called a meeting of Drexel's Interfraternity Association and formed Town Watch. Fraternity volunteers now patrol the campus and its surroundings from evening until the early morning hours. Traveling in pairs, they report suspicious activity via walkie-talkie to a central radio post staffed by sorority volunteers, who then contact Philadelphia police. "There's no doubt the program has reduced crime in the Town Watch area," says John Hood, crime prevention officer in the police department's 16th district.

*Lock and monitor doors:* The night Jeanne Clery was murdered, dorm residents had propped open a locked door, as was frequently done to permit late-night pizza

deliveries. Jeanne may also have left her own door unlocked, in anticipation of her roommate's return. Now, as part of an out-of-court settlement with the Clery's, Lehigh has agreed to try a pilot door-alarm program. In this, keys are replaced with plastic cards; a machine records the time and the identity of each card user; and a building-wide alarm sounds in case of intrusion. Also, exterior doors are wired to notify police if they are propped open, a simple measure that may be the obstacle preventing another burglary, rape or murder.

*Fight rape with education:* The chance's of a woman's being raped at college are astonishingly high. "Some 25 percent of the female college population have been victims of rape or attempted rape," says Claire Walsh, director of the Sexual Assault Recovery Service at the University of Florida. In most cases, the rapist is an acquaintance or date. Determined to reduce rape, Walsh established Campus Organized Against Rape (COAR) in 1982. Her research shows that women who recognize potential danger are better able to avoid an attack.

*Clean up bad neighborhoods:*

No college can isolate itself from the community. If a school is surrounded by a high-crime area, crime will seep onto campus unless people fight back. Lt. Calvin Handy of the University of California at Berkeley campus police force took a stand. He began working with Berkeley police to clean up the Southside neighborhood. He aggressively moved his troops off campus. Joint city and university police foot patrols were increased. Task forces were established, which over the past two years have made more than 1000 drug-or-weapons-related arrests. Doormen were installed in university buildings and residence halls to check for school ID cards. Campus lighting was improved, escort services were increased, and crime-prevention seminars taught students to protect themselves.

To ensure the safety of students, colleges must develop an aggressive strategy against crime. Parents should encourage college administrators to adopt proven safeguards, and students must exercise common-sense precautions. If all do their part, the sandal of campus violence can end.

## Coastsweep '90 sweeps Mass

by Christine Houle  
Strobe Staff

The Coastsweep '90 kickoff event was September 15 at Wollaston beach in Quincy. Other Massachusetts beach cleanups will continue through October 8.

With the cleanup, the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management plans to protect the Massachusetts shoreline beaches from degradation.

Along the shores common forms of debris found are fishing nets and lines discarded or lost from boats, tampon applicators released from combined sewer overflows, beer cans, plastic utensils, and styrofoam deposited by uncaring beachgoers. All of this debris makes the beaches less appealing to tourists, makes the coast unsafe for humans, and poses a threat to wildlife.

During the one-day national coastal cleanup in 1988, volunteers reported finding forty-two animals that had ingested or were tangled in debris. In 1989, the number increased to sixty-five. A few cases in this state were of a bird strangled by string attached to a balloon, a hermit crab caught

in a plastic bottle, and two birds entangled in a fishing net.

During the Massachusetts Coastsweep '89, volunteers gathered over 31 tons of plastic, metal, glass, and paper items collected from over two hundred miles of shoreline. This year, Coastal Zone Management expects 4,000 people to participate in Coastsweep '90, a great increase from last year's 3,000 volunteers.

During Coastsweep '90, the Coastal Zone Management is encouraging a greater effort to recycle. They will recycle beverage cans and bottles. Also, Plastic Again, a Leominster company, will work with several groups to recycle collected styrofoam.

In addition to the land-side cleanups, volunteer recreational scuba divers will be conducting water-side cleanups at several sites along the coast.

Anyone interested in participating in Coastsweep '90, should contact Anne Smircina, the Coastal Zone Management Coastsweep Coordinator, at 617-727-9530 regarding information about dates, times, and locations.

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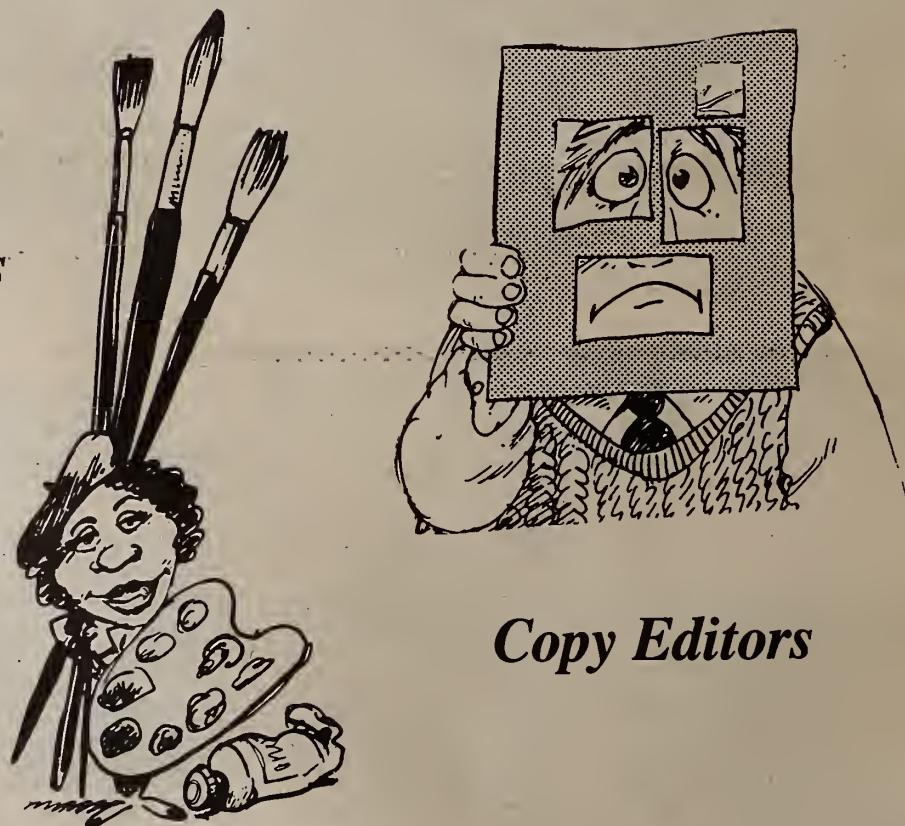
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# PERSONALS

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LaurieAnne:  
Dreams come true!!

Jens,  
You are awesome!  
-Jim G.

Lynn,  
Disrobe and limbo!  
-J03HN

Andrea,  
No wedding, no kids. How about  
sheep and Wesson oil? -Three

Rith,  
Just wanted to say "hi!". -Me

The Chief to the Squaws: The  
contract will be revised monthly  
and if things don't shape up your  
walking papers will be issued. Re-  
member who wears the Jock in  
this house.

To Gordo & Abbott  
It's nice to see that you pulled  
your heads out from your legs  
long enough to watch your friends  
get arrested, trespassing? Distur-  
bing the peace?

Kevin (AKA Rocky Dennis)  
I called you last week but the  
person who answered the phone  
told me "you just left with a  
motorcycle gang in search of new  
baseball cards" Signed Cher

Dave:  
Your porcelain girlfriend says  
"Whiskey you're the devil".

#53 Vincenzi look out your twin  
Dir is moving to Defense. Look  
out your both to little to play the  
game.

Soupy,  
So when did Sparky start reading  
economics, eating macaroni, and  
lifting weights  
-GF

Panther,  
Shave your moustache! -Adolf

Hayden Fox,  
This world is too big for the two of  
you! (Your head and your body).  
Move out! -Dick the landlord.

Ada,  
Life's too short to be in a daze.  
You're out! Dom is never gonna  
pay you. -The Cheerleaders

To those two great looking FSC  
Volleyball fans:  
I noticed you at the game. Thanks  
for the support -Simmons '35"

Homeboy,  
It depends! -Richard Nixon

Ed-  
Life gets cold in the freezer -Dairy

Neal  
KHAYC!!  
Ann, Barbara, Tina and Dave,  
You people are going to have to  
learn how take a yolk.

Hey Big Guy  
Pudgy Bunny and I love you!!  
Love always

To L.T.  
Flush the cat - I love you - CC  
Michael,  
Thanks for the talk, you're always  
there when I need you. I love you  
more than ever! I know you helped  
me a lot, now it's my turn. - Love  
always Cheryl

Harkalia,  
How about a game of golf?

Ellen M.  
Sniff, Sniff, Sniff - Shawn

Marty -  
Happy 8 month anniversary  
I love you - Christine

Loretta,  
WAKE UP!!  
Love your roommates

L.D.,  
I may be burned, but I'm still  
alive! I'll get you when you least  
expect it! -Mimi

Andrea-  
I was walking through a building,  
and saw the guy that you lust after,  
he still likes my thighs better than  
yours. Sorry about your luck SM

Senior Sis, Cardinal Wanna B.  
Puffed,  
Have you found any rabbits  
boiling on your stove?

Andrea -  
Isn't it really bright in here? Could  
you do something about it?

Miras  
Just because you're not here any-  
more (thank God) we will still  
continue to abuse you. BEEN  
GOLFING LATELY?? - Andrea  
& Mary

MICHAEL JACKSON IS  
STILL NUMBER ONE - Ed M.

To all you ladies out there. The  
serpent society is back so beware  
- From King Cobra,  
Serpentor, The Gardner, 3RM

To TH603  
Can you stand the rain? Let's get  
dark?

Karen,  
Remember to look both ways!  
Especially on one way streets! -  
Love, Dan

Gaff (Marcy)  
Thanks for a great summer! Such  
memories I have "I'm jammed"  
Quit yer Biethin and make it a  
great day! And of course the men  
who scratch! - Kate (Winston?)

Mel & Nell,  
Here's to another year at FSC!  
Let's have some fun this year - for

Hey Barbara B.,  
When you get out of therapy  
kindly return my call.

a change! - Kate!

Di-  
How's my finger stuck in the  
window?? - Mary

ATTN:  
Dan is no longer a freshmen!! But  
he is still a pain.

Robbie,  
Watch out for spit heading your  
way.

- You'd never imagine from who

Kelly D from Aub.  
I saw you last week you are  
BEAUTIFUL!  
I'm working up the courage to  
finally talk to you  
- Painfully Shy

- Excuse me, I have a question for  
the infested one.

- Hey Betty, will you marry three?

- Craig's Top Ten

Hortense,  
I love you and want you naked on  
a rock!

- GRRRR  
Ann,  
Thank you for your support and  
your pizza egg rolls  
Margaret Thatcher



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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## "Living Colour" delivers with second album

Tim Kane  
Strobe staff

"Living Colour," the first all-black rock band to go platinum in the last twenty years, broke the mold with their new release, "Time's Up." Recently released on Epic Records, the album sets up a wall between the "Black Rock Coalition" and the non-conforming "Living Colour" themselves. Corey Glover, the band's vocal extremist, wrapped up the entire controversy of black politics as the band's focal point in a recent interview. "You see, we're so experimental and different, we're a real alternative to hard rock and heavy metal. You can't put it down to anything real simple like skin color or role reversals or even a different approach. There are certain integral things that are just rock fascination, the things that make somebody say What is this? Why is this? How is this?"

Reaching a vast portion of the music meat market is never a simple task, but with "Living Colour," the challenge was conquered last year with the distinction of "Best New Artist" at the elite Grammy Awards. For the last two years, Living Colour has been touring with the Rolling Stones. In fact, it was Stones singer Mick Jagger who discovered "Living Colour," and helped produce their first album.

Using the same behind-the-scenes line-up as on their first album "Vivid," "Living Colour's" second release favors a live sound without the ever popular hiss. The first side of the album denotes "Living Colour's" rompous attitude. Kicking off the album with a thrash tune, "Time's Up," sets the mood of anguish. Corey Glover's voice improves tremendously on this album. He still maintains his unapathetic lyrical style, as well as his belting vocal

upheaval. Glover displays another side to his craft on "Love Rears Up Its Ugly Head" with a soft, flowing tone. Also in this chart, Hendrix's guitar wizardry is pursued by Vernon Reid, the band's guitar virtuoso. Along these lines rises "Type," the album's first single. MTV tunes usually leave a bit to be desired, but "Type" is structurally arranged in an acceptable manner. \*

The rythm section is composed of two musicians who play as one. William Calhoun's drumming style is rich in textures, accompanied by the Funk-Bass-God of the 90's, Muzz Skillings. Muzz has the ability to find the most diversified sound and style to compliment Calhoun's beats.

While laying down a more creative buoyancy on side two, "Living Colour's" first song begins with a dissonant, distorted, flanger effect from Reid's axe. The band's formal jazz training is quite present in the second song, "Under Cover of Darkness." The killer parts in this tune are the funk beat held down by Calhoun and the thrash-like bass chords struck out by Muzz, as well as the chromatic format of Reid's guitar. If you enjoy cajun music (yes, that's cajun), then listen for "Solace of You" a love song incognito. An Indian chord progression is the appeal of the last tune, "This Is The Life," an optimistic prose about our diluted lives of material conflict.

Centering one theme on this album is difficult. Just as on "Vivid," "Living Colour" has pleased a variety of styles without being termed a sellout. You'll have to listen quite closely to catch any hidden messages, but that's half the fun of this band. The creativeness found in live mixed recordings rules out the thought of any fanciful idiosyncratic atmosphere!



Living Colour

File photo

## Slater talks hard

Dan McDermott  
Strobe staff

With such films as "Young Guns II" and "Heathers" to his credit, Christian Slater has been gathering success rather quickly. With his latest film, "Pump Up The Volume," Slater proves beyond a doubt that success is what he richly deserves.

"Being a teenager sucks, but that's the point!" screams Hard Harry, the teen radio pirate portrayed by Christian Slater. By day, Hard Harry is actually Mark, a mild mannered, terminally shy high school student, new to the Arizona suburb in which he dwells. Every night, however, at exactly 10 p.m., with the flick of a switch on his refurbished ham

radio, Mark becomes Hard Harry, a controversial yet appealing radio personality, pirate radio, that is, due to the fact that Harry is broadcasting illegally. That's ok with his fans, who faithfully tune in to hear the rantings of their radio god each night. But when Harry begins revealing some not so appealing information about the high school, he finds himself up against the school, the town, and even the FCC.

"Pump Up The Volume" is not just a film about teens, it's a film about being a teen, featuring the most realistic view of the adolescent experience since "The Breakfast Club" in the mid-1980's. With the dissolution of Hollywood's

so-called Brat Pack, quality teen films have been few and far between. Many have been goofy, far-fetched, and just too corny for anyone over 12 to really appreciate. "Pump Up The Volume" offers a sincere portrayal of numerous teenage hardships, including dating, teenage pregnancy, homosexuality, and suicide.

Amongst humor that is both blatant and subtle, this film provides evidence that adolescence is hell. It's a situation that teens must accept and survive, a sort of test for adulthood. Slater calls for his listeners to stand up for what they believe, speak their mind, or, as Harry colorfully states, to "talk hard." I guarantee this film will leave you talking nothing but praises.

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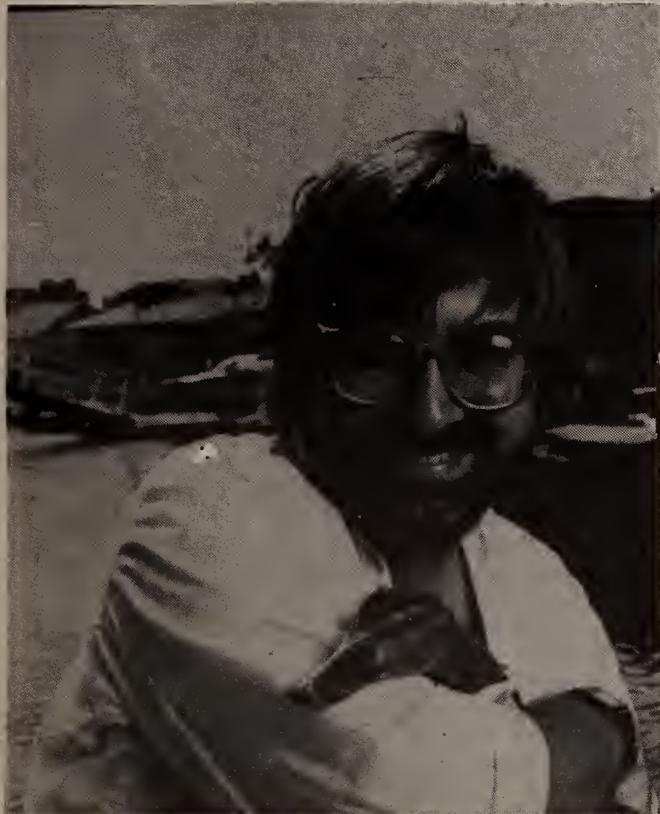
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## Arts & Entertainment

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Matthew Groening

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### "Life in Hell" creator offers insight

Dianne Brown  
strobe staff

For starters, all you Simpsons fans that get their tongues tied with Matt Groening's last name, here's a hint: it rhymes with raining. What makes Groening such an incredible writer is the fact that he remembers, what it was like to grow up. His cartoon strip "Life in Hell" demonstrates just how well aware Groening is that growing up is one of the most hellish experiences of life. He has the ability to crank out the crankiest craziness starring Binky, the rabbitized pseudonym of an ex-college roommate. The other main character is Bongo, Binky's illigitimate child, who has one ear because that's the only way to tell him apart from Binky. Groening admits that his famed star Binky, the rabbit, was created merely because he couldn't draw much of anything else. Akbar and Jeff, the only two human characters, were actually poor fifth grade attempts at drawing Charlie Brown.

Groening knows, "The real world is ten times more hell-

ish than Life in Hell," from first hand experience. "There was one point," Groening painfully reflects, "when my girlfriend broke up with me, my car blew up, I didn't have a job, I couldn't pay my rent and the guy downstairs played 'rockabilly' full blast until three in the morning." Success being the sweetest form of revenge, Groening took action sending "Life," an earlier form of "Life in Hell," to about 20 people. By the sixth issue, 500 copies were circulating and doing fine when he landed a space in a local paper. Surprisingly, reader reaction was devastatingly negative at first. Binky's rude and arrogant attitude was seen as offensive and needed a change. The minute Groening began to torture and victimize the helpless one eared bunny, popularity soared.

Groening concocts the fate of his characters deep in the clutter of a garage he calls "The bat cave I never had." Groening chuckles, "Someday, they'll realize that I'm not a cartoonist, I'm a doodle god."

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# SPORTS

## Mets take traditional run at pennant

by Ed McGill  
Strobe staff

They're back! The New York Mets, that pesky, over confident team which broke the hearts of Red Sox fans four years ago, are battling tooth and nail with the Pittsburgh Pirates for the rights to the N. L. East title. Some of the names have changed, but the winning attitude is still the same.

The Mets were all but forgotten back in June when they trailed the first place Pirates (the worst excuse for a 1st place team since the 1987 Twins), by 9 and 1/2 games. The major turning point proved to be the firing of long-time manager, Davey Johnson. Bud Harrelson was named as the new manager and the Mets lost a total of 2 games in June. They

proceeded to take over 1st place by the All-Star break.

Pitcher Frank Viola has led the way for the Mets and can be considered as a major Cy Young contender.

Surprise superstar Dave Magadan has made New York fans forget about Keith Hernandez, and the inspiring play of Daryl Boston solidifies one of the best outfielders in the league.

Daryl Strawberry continues to be unpredictable. He hits long home runs and key hits when he feels like playing. Yet, one cannot deny he comes to play when the game is on the line.

The pitching staff remains New York's major strength. Ron Darling, Bobby Ojeda, Viola, Sid Fernandez, David Cone (head),

and National League save leader John Franco spearhead the attack.

They have fallen as far as five and 1/2 games, twice, since July 10th. Yet, they have rebounded as quickly as they fell. It means that the Mets will win the N. L. East.

The Pirates are a young team who will choke down the stretch in a tight pennant race. They seem to have trouble with a large lead and just might hand the Mets the title.

The Mets will likely disperse of whomever wins the N. L. West. (Who really cares?)

The Mets contain the type of arrogance in which championship teams are formed and this season shouldn't be any different.

## Moda and Todman make All-American team

by James Sheehan  
Men's Track Coach

Fitchburg State College's sensational sprint duo of Jeff Moda and Willis Todman, were named to the NCAA All-American Track and Field team. These two were among the finest sprinters in New England this year. Moda was the ECAC dash champ for the second year in a row, won the New England division 200M, capped second in the 200M at the New England Championships, and was runner-up at the nationals.

Willis Todman also finished the year on a high note. Todman

had quite a year as he was the All-American indoors in the 400M, and then went on to win the MASCAC 100 & 200 at the New England Division, and also to place in the 100 at the nationals. Moda and Todman were also paired with Mike Mooney and Dayton Ellis as National Qualifiers in the 400M relay.

Freshman, Jim Navin made a name for himself in the High Jump as he won the MASCAC and the New England division III titles. His leap of 6'9" this year, set not only a school record, but he also eclipsed a 15 year old conference record.

Another bright spot for the team was Scott Hunter, who had missed the previous two years due to injuries. Hunter practiced hard last Spring and was the New England Division III javelin champion.

Overall, FSC added three All-American certificates to their record, reaching a total of 45. The team placed third at the New England Division III championship, and finished sixth out of all of the New England Colleges.

The following eleven student/athletes from Fitchburg State College were named to the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Academic Team for the 1989-90 school year. The student/athletes honored had grade point averages of 3.4 or better and had passed at least 24 credit hours. The athletes competed in the conference's 14 sports.

NAME	SPORT	YOG
Michelle Boivin	Track	1993
Heather Ewing	Cross Country/Track	1991
Wendy Ewing	Cross Country/Track	1991
Jennifer Kapenas	Field Hockey/Basketball	1992
Michelle Levesque	Volleyball	1993
Diane Mailloux	Cross Country	1990
Jason McCallum	Soccer	1990
Mark Middlen	Cross Country/Track	1991
Michelle Threadgold	Field Hockey	1992
Debra Watters	Field Hockey/Track	1993
Wendy Woodward	Basketball/Softball	1993

## Sports Synopsis

by Mike McCrystal  
Strobe staff

Willie McGee who was batting .335 for the Saint Louis Cardinals before being traded to the Oakland Athletics, could win the National League batting title.

At this point how many fans really care if Brian Shaw wears the Celtic green or not?

Baseball predictions: The Oakland Athletics will beat the New York Mets to win their second championship in many years.

It's almost hockey season again, and the big question for you Bruin's fans is: Who is going to put the puck in the net besides Bourque and Neely?

Mike Milbury should have been Coach of the Year for the 1989-90 season.

Boston announcer on the rise: I heard Sean McDonough broadcasting a Tigers game on ESPN.

Surprise team of the year in the NFL: The Los Angeles Raiders.

Maurice Hurst may help Patriot fans forget about Raymond Clayborn.

Who is disliked more in Boston: Mike Dukakis or Jerome Stanley?

Is Joe Morgan trying to be funny or does he just hate interviews.

How much longer can the big three, Bird, Parish, and McHale play 40 minutes plus? It's time to give the younger players more minutes.

The worst possible job in Massachusetts right now: The head coach of the Patriots.

19-year-old, Pete Sampras beat fellow Americans: McEnroe and Agassi, on his way to winning the U.S. open. Is this the rise or fall of American tennis?

It's quite obvious that the Celtic brass feels that Reggie Lewis is their future.

Nobody in the country has a tougher schedule than Notre Dame.

Good luck to the Falcons!

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Comedian impersonates Jerry Lewis at Comedy Night

Photo by Andrea Wallace